

# PSO BLUEBILL FLYER

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## PSO Bluebill Newsletter

Serving Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties



### An Interview with PSO Bluebill Chair

**Dave Jackson**

by Karen Griffith



Chair  
David Jackson

Vice-Chair  
Robert Chanpong



It was two years ago that Dave and his wife Twyla joined the Bluebills. He was drawn to the organization because of the STEM program, and Twyla wanted to do more to help seniors with “aging in place.” Recently Barbara Berthiaume asked him to take over the leadership of the PSO. But with our new combining of PSO and Bluebills, Dave found himself chair of the new PSO Bluebills.

Dave brings a wealth of management and leadership skills to our organization honed over many years working within federal government and private industry. He painted a vivid picture of how he envisions our organization in this (hopefully) post-pandemic world.

He is seeing the “merger” of PSO and Bluebills as an opportunity for “rebranding.” The non-profit status of PSO provided us with a great opening in many areas.

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First - Recruiting: The Boeing Company limited membership in the Bluebills to company retirees and their spouses. While there were many non-Boeing people who were members of this organization, it was sort of under the table to do so. But the Boeing Company no longer supports the organization financially, so that allows us to do lots of things differently. Dave wants to recruit any community members who wish to serve. If you have skills, if you want to learn some skills, if you like to organize things, if you want to build things, PSO Bluebills is for you!

Second - Fundraising: Without the restrictions of the Boeing Company and with PSO Bluebills being a non-profit entity, our fundraising can be very different. While local businesses are the heart and soul of our resources, we now plan to contact large corporations like Amazon and Microsoft. Talk about Big! We will be approaching such companies for help with STEM funding among other things.

Third - Expanding STEM education: In the past Bluebills have worked with teachers in Chimacum and Port Townsend to teach them the scientific method. It has been somewhat successful, but Dave sees STEM education impacting about 80-90% of what students will encounter in their lives from robotics, to computing, to farming, to manufacturing. We have to expand on that. Dave plans to meet with the two new School Superintendents in Port Townsend and Chimacum to talk with them about re-establishing STEM education, which was disrupted by the pandemic in the schools.

Another area Dave knows needs attention is the Builders program. The Builders have a list of projects in the pipeline which is a mile long. They are short on people who are willing to work with them. Plus the price of lumber has risen dramatically this past year. Any member can come and learn how to help build a ramp or install grab bars. Come and watch and learn and work with a great group of people who get so much satisfaction out of the work they do.

Another great idea of Dave's is to get ourselves involved in the many festivals held around the area, i.e., the Crab Festival. PSO Bluebills should staff booths at those events and use them as a recruiting tool. One area we really need new members right now is in Clallam County with the World Vision program. As members we are encouraged to ask our friends and neighbors to become PSO Bluebills!

Our website is being upgraded and it will provide links to different organizations that have resources to help people maintain their independence as they age.

Dave wants to reiterate: We are an organization made up of volunteers providing support to the communities of Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap Counties in the State of Washington for the purpose of improving and enhancing the lives of those in need. We are here to help – with the Dove House, with building ramps and installing grab bars, with food distribution, World Vision distribution, school supplies, Christmas giving, and STEM programs

So Dave is asking us, as members, what's next? Where do we see a need? What else can we be doing? Let's grow! We have an excellent reputation! **Let's make a great organization better!**

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## Meet a New PSO Bluebill!

Carol Fett



Carol and her husband, Doug, have a love for the Northwest and outdoor activities. Doug's parents, Darrell and Evelyn Fett, were long-time residents of Port Ludlow. Carol and Doug would come over from their home in the Snohomish area and spend a lot of time with them before they decided to move here permanently. They live in North Bay and are, in fact, neighbors of Barbara and Ed Berthiaume. It was actually Barbara and Ed who approached them about joining the organization.

Doug is an electrical engineer and former Boeing employee but moved to the medical device industry a few years ago. During the COVID shut-down, he had been working from home most days and enjoys that. I think Doug is looking forward to retirement where he can really begin to enjoy the things they like to do as a couple.

They are long-time boat owners. "We bought our first boat before our first house," Carol told me. They have a 33' Tartan moored in the marina. In fact, they met when they both signed up for sailing lessons. They love sailing up into the San Juans and around Puget Sound. Like most boat owners, she says they don't get out on the water as much as they'd like to.

Carol has had a long career, first in the health-care industry and later in education. She has a certificate as a Speech and Language Pathology Assistant and worked for the Lake Stevens Schools District for over 10 years. That came in handy when their church in Snohomish received an Iraqi family to resettle. Carol's knowledge of the school system enabled her to be of assistance getting the children settled into school.

They have a daughter, Leslie, who lives in Gig Harbor with her husband and their one grandchild. Their son Trever is single and works in Edmunds.

When Doug's parents were alive, they lived in North Bay and Carol and Doug spent a lot of quality time with them golfing. Both of the elder Fetts have passed away, but memories of them are still close.

Besides sailing, Carol is a golfer with The Niners league. She also enjoys water color painting. Her favorite activity of all is "grandma-ing" her 19-month old granddaughter.

She is already busy working with the PSO Bluebills. She is working with Twyla Jackson and the Dove House board members on the upcoming Dove House Golf Tournament raffle. Barbara Berthiaume is waiting for Doug's retirement so she can get him involved as well. We as an organization are awfully lucky to have them as part of our group!



# Welcome





# ***Friends of Chimacum Schools!***



## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The PSO Bluebills\* are supporting Chimacum K-6 by providing donations for school supplies. This year, the school is offering free supplies to all elementary kids to encourage them to come back to school.

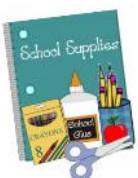
Donors can support this program with a check (suggested \$35) made out to the Bluebills and left at the Bay or Beach Clubs or mailed to:

**Bluebills**

**120 Spinnaker Place**

**Port Ludlow, WA 98365**

**Please send in your donations by  
August 15th**



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# **GOLFERS**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Friday, August 27, 2021**

**Bluebills**

## **Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament**

**Port Ludlow players - Members - \$65**

**Non Members - \$110**

**Cost includes: Golf cart, box lunch, winner prizes, awards ceremony with lasagna dinner, free wine and beer bar.**

**Sign-up forms will be available at the Pro Shop starting in July.**

**Or, send players' names and check made out to Dove House.**

**Dove House, 1045 10th St., Port Townsend, WA 98368**

**For more information: Robert Chanpong, 925-360-4360,  
[chanpr@hotmail.com](mailto:chanpr@hotmail.com)**



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HURTS!

**NO MORE**

TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT.

## **Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament**

**Friday, August 27, 2021**

**Port Ludlow Golf Course, Port Ludlow, WA**

**Be a player or a sponsor**

**Call: Robert Chanpong 925 360-4360 or**

**Barbara Berthiaume 360 437-0423**

**A PSO Bluebill Sponsored Event**

# July Calendar

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 13 WV Kitsap County Pick Up- 9:00 AM in Fife  
Unload and inventory- 11:30 at Chimacum Warehouse
- July 20 WV Kitsap County Pick- 9:30 at Chimacum Warehouse
- July 23 WV Kitsap County Delivery- 9:30 at Chimacum Warehouse

**Here are the August dates for Jefferson County World Vision:**


- August 10th Pick Up supplies and inventory
- August 17th Pick for Jefferson County
- August 19th Delivery to Jefferson County clients



# July 2021



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# Builders Pages

## JeffCo Builders

### The Port Hadlock Railings

by Dave Parrish

My first task for the clients was to install grab bars--porcelain tile, diamond bits, etc. They were very appreciative and made a contribution to the Bluebills. After finishing the grab bar job, they asked if I could install railings between their dining room and living room. I found these railings at Home Depot, and they requested I order them and install them. They sent me payment for the amount Home Depot quoted. I had them sent to my house and assembled the railings. I had to use our family SUV to transport the finished railing to their home. After installing, they requested I install hand railings on each side of the step from the dining room to the living room. It took a couple of times on the order to get it right as we had to return a defective railing, but in the end, they have a step railing on each side of the stairs and a metal railing separating the dining room from the living room. They have always worried about themselves and their company falling off the edge between the two rooms.

Now they do not have to worry.



Before Installation.



Step railings (these are also installable on concrete steps).



Side railing installed.



# JeffCo Builders

## The Kala Point Project

Richard Myers took the lead on this project and sent out the following request "We have a small ramp to build in Kala Point at xxxxxx on next Wed., 6/2, at 9 AM. Should be pretty straightforward **as long as the demo goes smoothly**. Please reply if you can help. Thanks." As luck (or Murphy) would have it, the demo took at least twice as long as the build. The team, consisting Mark Cattabriga, John Fillers, Richard Myers, Jim Mueller, Dave Parrish, and Denny Schuch battled an oddly and very sturdily built bench. Fasteners were hidden, almost no two fasteners had the same type of head. The thing was built on posts that were well-buried in the ground. The Trex-type decking that the bench was built of did not give up without a fight, but in the end the team won and building the new ramp was a breeze.



Bench to be removed to make room for the new ramp.



John swaps out a tool-tip (again).



John decides the issue with a sledge hammer as Richard provides support.



Denny and Mark haul off another chunk.



Jon and Mark put the finishing touches on the new ramp.



Richard Myers, Mark Cattabriga, John Fillers, Dave Parrish, and Denny Schuch. Photo by Jim Mueller

## JeffCo Builders

### A Well-Built Railing

Bluebills installed grab bars for them a few years ago. Client has cerebral palsy and called to find out if we could install hand railings on the stairs entering his home. We did so and even got praise for our carpentry skills—this was meaningful as he single handedly built the house and was quite particular on our workmanship. Dave Parrish





# Kitsap Builders

## United Way of Kitsap Day of Caring

Bluebills, partnered with Catholic Community Services, showed up for the June 25 annual United Way of Kitsap Day of Caring with ramp building crews in North, Central, and South Kitsap. Although temperatures were in the high 80's, it was a far cry from the 100+ days that were to follow.

The Central Kitsap crew responded to an urgent need for a ramp at the Stage Coach Mobile & RV Park in Bremerton. The client was having to get out of her wheelchair, and with the help of her husband, negotiate the fold-out metal steps and cinder block step to get in/out of the RV which is their permanent dwelling. It was an obvious accident waiting to happen. With their very limited income, there was no way they could afford a wheelchair ramp. Fortunately, Catholic Community Services was able to secure grant funding to buy materials to build ramps for low income clients, and the Bluebills were able to provide the labor.

Leonard Hale and the South Kitsap crew, responded to a request from South Kitsap Fire and Rescue, who reported that "SKFR crews have been out to assist an individual several times this month for falls in his home." They responded by building a ramp and installing grab bars.

North Kitsap lead, Michael Crovitz, arrived with John White for a ramp build in Poulsbo only to learn of a last minute turn of events in which the client would not be returning home from rehab. He was diverted to the Central Kitsap jobsite instead.



Dangerous stair steps at the Bremerton site



Greg Devault, Bob Kever, Michael Crovitz.  
Not pictured: Gordon Williams, Brian Johnson, Michael Gray

## WORLD VISION ESSENTIAL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

The Bluebills Essential Supply Distribution Program is done in conjunction with World Vision. PSO Bluebills represent non-profit agencies, schools and churches in Jefferson County who are members of the World Vision Program. Each month Bluebill members drive to Fife, Washington and receive 3-4 pickup truck loads of goods. These items are brought back to our warehouse, sorted, and inventoried. A list of items is then sent to each non-profit agency to select what they need for their clients.



Bluebill volunteers finish loading up trucks and trailers at the Fife World Vision warehouse.



Bluebills unloading goods in preparation for local distribution.

To be part of this program, a member agency must pay \$300 per year or have this fee donated by local organizations or community members.

If you would like to assist us with this program by donating toward the membership of one of the non-profit agencies it would be appreciated.

Following is the list of members that we currently offer items for selection:

Olympic Community Action  
Lutheran Church of the Redeemer  
Bayside Housing  
ECHHO  
Dove House  
Focus Alternative HS Chimacum  
School  
Jefferson Teen Center

The Jefferson County Food Bank  
Association  
Community United Methodist Church  
Brinnon Community Center  
Brinnon Church Health Ministry  
Brinnon School  
First Presbyterian Church-Quilcene  
Quilcene Historical Museum  
Quilcene School

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Bluebill volunteers contribute over 9600 miles per year picking up and delivering goods and over 1350 volunteer hours per year driving, sorting, inventorying, and delivering.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Barbara Burke at 206-890-5387.

Your contribution to help us continue this worthwhile community effort can be sent to:

Peninsula Support Organization (PSO) Bluebills  
120 Spinnaker Place  
Port Ludlow, WA 98365

PSO Bluebills is a 501(c)(3) entity and your contributions are tax deductible.



**Monthly Delivery of World Vision Essential Supplies to Quilcene School**

**Grades K-12, 220 Students, 110+ Below Poverty Level**

# From the Wayback Machine

## From the Bluebill Flyer July, 2011

Bluebills of the Olympic Peninsula

July 2011

### Work Benches for the Bike Shop



These are three of the four workbenches we built for a bicycle recycling and repair program in Port Townsend.

### Railing Project in PT



Bluebills added these railings to the Haynes Street Cottages in Port Townsend. The cottages are managed by OlyCap and used as temporary housing for families.

### Brick Work Project



Bluebills repaired the hole in the chimney on the Girl Scout House in Port Townsend.

### Community Alliance Project



This is a playhouse Bluebills built for the Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) raffle. The funds raised went to their scholarship fund.

# HAVE YOU REPORTED YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS?



**REMEMBER: YOU CAN REPORT ANY VOLUNTEER HOURS! NOT JUST THE HOURS YOU WORK FOR BLUEBILLS. CHURCH, SCHOOL, COMMUNITY~ ALL OF THESE HOURS COUNT TOO!**

**EMAIL YOUR HOURS TO Judy McCay:**  
[jimmccay@cablespeed.com](mailto:jimmccay@cablespeed.com)

## **Volunteer hours for May, 2021**

**40 volunteers reported 907 hours.  
That is 20% of the Bluebill membership  
reporting hours for May.**



# ***July Birthdays***

<b>RICK SMITH</b>	<b>7/1</b>
<b>STEVEN HARGIS</b>	<b>7/4</b>
<b>JIM KOWALCZYK</b>	<b>7/6</b>
<b>DOUG RITTENHOUSE</b>	<b>7/7</b>
<b>CHARLIE MAYFIELD</b>	<b>7/7</b>
<b>STEVEN BAUER</b>	<b>7/8</b>
<b>RICHARD MEYER</b>	<b>7/13</b>
<b>LINDA STADTMILLER</b>	<b>7/13</b>
<b>LAURA PAUL</b>	<b>7/15</b>
<b>CHARLES LUMADUE</b>	<b>7/15</b>
<b>GARY CAVEN</b>	<b>7/16</b>
<b>JOAN JOHNSTON</b>	<b>7/22</b>
<b>RAY MORRIS</b>	<b>7/23</b>
<b>BARBARA BURKE</b>	<b>7/24</b>
<b>SARAH BARTON</b>	<b>7/24</b>



***Happy Birthday!***

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